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Councellor *LEAR*'s Humble

PETITOIN
To His Maiesty

For a Pardon, with his Majesty's ANSWER.

WITH Humble Submission, tho' with Shame and Confusion of Face I approach your Sacred Majesty, considering the Magnitnde of my Guilt, which I cannot express, or so much as think off without Horrour of Conscience, and consequently deserve the just Sentence of the Law, having offended in the highest Manner the best of Kings, the black and dismal Scen of Mischief I was bringing upon your Majesty and Government is shoking to my very Soul; which now with unbounded Sorrow and Grief of Heart, I sincerely repent off, and even abhor the thoughts of such an unnatural Wickedness, Treason, Ingratitude and Disloyalty, and therefore am aunworthy of the least grain of your M.j sty's Favour or Compassion; was I not sensible of your Majesty's Goodness and Clemency to others under the like misfortunes, I had not dared at this time to have implor'd your Majesty's Pardon, which I now humbly beg upon my bended Knees, yet not for my self alone, but for the sake of my sorrowful Wife and distress.d Family, whose repeated Tears, and bitter Lamentations has occasioned these Humble Supplications. And as your Majesty is in God's stead hear on Earth, I beseech your Majesty in imitation of the King of Heaven (who forgave his very Crucifiers) to Pardon and forgive a truly sorrowful mistaken and deluded offender, for which transendent Mercy your Majesty's Petitioner will as in Duty bound by the Laws of God and Man, remain as long as he lives, your Majesty's most True Faithful Loyal and Obedient Subject, and will Chearfully venture his Life in Defence of your Majesty's Person and Government both at Home and Arboad, and humbly Conclude in the Words of the wise and great King *Soloman* (*Proverbs* 20 28.) *Mersy and Truth preserve the King and his Throan is upholden by Mercy*: Isaiah 16 5. *In Mercy shall the Throan be Established, and he shall sit upon it in Truth*, which that your Majesty may enjoy, and happily Reign many Years in Peace Healh Wealth and Prosperity and after this Life may obtain an immortal Crown of Glory in Heaven is the hearty Prayer of Your Majesty's most Faithful obedient Subject and Servant.

Ch. Lear.

His Majesty's Answer.

TO Pardon the Life of him, who indeavoured to take away mine, is altogether inconsistent with my natural Clemency, and as I am in God's stead hear, I am bound to punish the Guilt as well as preserve the Innocent; the Laws of the Land having justly condemn'd you on earth; you must expect mercy no where but from the King of Heaven, where I heartily wish you may find Favour.

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